

Federation News

by Otto Crone
What progress is being made in the re-assessment of farm land? This was the purpose of OFA meeting with the assessment department recently.

The only commitment given was that all farm land in the province was being classified according to a seven category scale and that each county or region was being dealt with separately, so there will be many land value schedules.

This differs from the earlier report, whereby values were to be established as maximum for each soil category, and to be used as the assessed value except if the actual market value were lower, then it would be used for assessment purposes.

Farm land being reassessed is only a partial solution to the farm tax problem. The assessment on buildings if left unregulated could absorb the reduction in assessment on land and thus leave the farmer with no appreciable benefits from the whole exercise.

Many buildings being erected now for modern agriculture are very large and expensive, therefore some method should be devised with regard to the limitation of farm assessment on the total farm property to a reasonable level, otherwise very little will have been gained.

Can farmers make themselves heard by

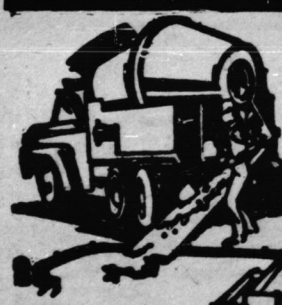
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government, is a question often asked.

The answer seems to be yes, if they are reasonable in their request. In the summer of '71 when hog prices were disastrous, The Canadian Federation of Agriculture requested that the federal government subsidize pork producers \$5 per hog on a maximum of 200 hogs to ease some of the financial losses. Early this month, the government answered it would pay a subsidy on that basis.

Once again the Federation of Agriculture has been listened to. Following such an announcement it could easily be assumed that farmers again picked a plum off the government money tree, by people who do not understand subsidies.

An editorial in the Farmer's Advocate June 1952 defines a subsidy to producers as a 'bonus to consumers'. It reasons that when the price received for a product does not cover the cost of production, producers are forced out of business and shortages develop. A modest subsidy will usually fend off such a situation as it induces farmers to continue to produce.

Rally Set March 4

On March 4 and 5, the Lynn Valley Sports Car Club will be presenting its annual two day event.

Starting at 9 on March 4 from Nottinghams Toyota on Highway 3 in Simcoe, the first car will be off on the Norfolk Night Navex. All points gained in this rally will be credited towards a national points championship.

On March 5 at 1 p.m. a drive skill will be held. Information for the drive skill will be available at Nottinghams Toyota.

In addition to this at Nottinghams Toyota on March 3, 4, and 5 the Labatts simulator will be available for the public to use.

Friends N' Neighbors

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Mrs. Elgin Jacques is enjoying a month in Florida having been fortunate in booking her flight before the present difficulty in obtaining transport.

Mrs. Rae McKay of Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lysch for two days last week. Mr. McKay will be remembered in Jarvis as principal of the public school. He is now vice-principal of Hamilton Teacher's College.

Mr. and Mrs. David Walker and children Jennifer and James of Vancouver, are spending some time at the Rectory. Mrs. Walker is the daughter of Canon and Mrs. E.A. Brooks.

Lea Marshall is enjoying the balmy weather during his annual visit to Florida, having left Jarvis on Monday last week.

The Sunday morning service was cancelled at Chalmers on Sunday

and attendance poor at Knox, Jarvis owing to the icy condition of the roads. In spite of this, the student minister from Knox College, Ted O'Neill, arrived on time from Toronto and delivered his message at Knox. "Where two or three are gathered together there will I be also" said our Lord.

The United Church ladies staged their annual smorgasbord on Saturday night. This is an event looked forward to from year to year and drew a fair crowd although the attendance was not as wide spread as usual on account of poor driving conditions.

The nearby villages were represented some being present from Vittoria, Simcoe and Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Bourne of Grimsby and Mr. and Mrs. George Bartlett of Beamsville attended the

smorgasbord. They are former members of Wesley United who never miss this mid-winter treat.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher of Selkirk who attended the noon luncheon at Christ Church Nanticoke last Thursday spent the rest of the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Dosser.

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Editorial Comment:

Historical Occasion

It has been amusing to watch in the past few weeks the suddenly increasing number of features on China which have been appearing on United States television.

The citizens of that country have a seemingly remarkable ability to forgive and forget, almost overnight, long years of hatred.

President Richard Nixon's visit to the Peoples Republic of China is indeed an historical occasion, one long overdue and one that at the very least may help to reduce world tension. No matter that no concrete settlements of differences, the exchange of diplomatic relations or any trade agreements may evolve from this meeting, the main point is that two of the most powerful nations on earth are finally talking to each other.

Television shows that have been tracing the history of China, including the rise of Mao Tse Tung and Chou En Lai and the eventual change of the country to a communist regime.

Another recent film on television traced some of the many misunderstandings we have about China through the film industry, which for many years regarded the Chinese as either frightening individuals lurking in dark corners of in hordes bent on rape and destruction.

This, in the early days of this century, was further backed up by the hundreds of publications depicting much the same image in words and drawings.

It amounted to rampant racism and the Chinese government reacted as such. However, this was ignored and the propaganda continued. Now, with President Nixon's visit, and Canada's exchange of diplomatic relations last year, the western world is turning to look at this mysterious giant in the east.

What they are finding, as anyone will find who cares to look anywhere in the world, is a nation of people who are the same as all other people. They are born, grow into manhood, have feelings and die. The customs and settings are what make the differences.

But because of these differences, North Americans have throughout their short history tried to impose their ways upon all others and when this did not work, North Americans have in many cases undertaken a systematic destruction of that culture.

China is one of the oldest civilized nations in the world, with a culture established long before western nations began to emerge from the forests.

Slowly, it appears, the western world is beginning to realize these facts and with President Nixon's visit to China and the slow de-escalation of hostilities in Vietnam, it may just be that western nations are realizing that all men have their places in this world and should be allowed to control their own destinies.

The likelihood of this happening over night is just about nil, but the first faint light of dawn may be about to appear.

Counter Clockwise

20 YEARS AGO
Feb. 21, 1952
While attending a meeting of the Ontario Bar Association in Hamilton last week, Judge Helen Kinnear took time to let it be known she feels there should be more women judges.

Judge Kinnear, who is the only woman judge in the British Empire

has been residing over Haldimand County Court for the past nine years. Although she has never been quoted before in this regard, she feels it is high time other women were given a chance to sit on the Bench.

As far as she can tell, neither lawyers nor accused persons in her court try to play upon

a woman's supposedly forgiving nature. "They know better than to try," she remarked.

Jarvis and community citizens paid a final tribute to the late King George VI last Friday morning when more than 300 assembled at Wesley United Church to participate in the service arranged by the Jarvis Ministerial Association.

Pupils of the Jarvis Public School and the members of the Jarvis and Walpole councils attended in a body. The balance of the church was filled to capacity and included many of the families of Dutch origin who have recently moved into the community.

Many parents and friends attended the variety night of the Junior Farmers and Junior Women's Institute at Kohler on their annual Parents' Night. The President, George Mowat, opened the evening's entertainment with a sing-song

led by Bob Lang. Then followed a skit - Sure Cure for a Stomachache, in which the Cayuga - Canfield Cutups performed an operation with a most unusual and humorous disregard of all surgical rules.

Several vocal selections were then rendered by Grant Mowat; the Rutherford sisters and Ruth Gee, accompanied by Dorothy Mowat; followed by a play - Forget, Forget, Forget, by the Nanticoke group.

Doctor, Come Quick, enacted by Dunnville group proved very amusing to the audience as did Caledonia's contribution The Light Went Out, depicting a romantic triangle comedy with a happy ending.

LESS CRIME
Criminal cases in Japan decreased to 1,122,850 in the first 11 months of 1971 from 1,166,129 in the same period of 1970.



Winter often provides stark contrasts as this scene at Port Dover shows. (Photo by Robert Byl)

Silver Star Initiation Degree

Initiation Degree practice was held following the regular meeting of Silver Star Lodge under the direction of the degree Captain Dorothy Walker.

This degree will be conferred on a candidate at the next regular meeting with Hagersville and Waterford Rebekah Lodges as our guests. The convener of the lunch committee reminded all members to contribute to a pot-luck lunch.

The meeting was presided over by the N. G. Joan Barr, assisted by V.G. Hilda Aude. The property committee announced that a rug had been purchased for inside the door of the banquet room. A donation was made to the Special Education Foundation.

Mrs. Betty Mills expressed appreciation to kindness given to her during her illness. Three members named

FLYING HIGH

SUTTON, Que. (CP) - Drunken red-breasted grosbeaks are staging dazzling acrobatic displays, crashing into picture windows and

snoring feet-up on roadways in this community. The birds feed on rowanberries, the dried pulps of which act like proof alcohol on their tiny constitutions.

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a school year.

Robert Gordon, Caledonia deputy reeve, got involved in the issue because of his business, a king wooden pallets. The association reported it was making about 19 cents profit on the pallets. Mr. Gordon says he can't keep up with the demand for pallets and suggested the association could do with a little marketing help.

The result was that he was appointed to the association board. In other business, council voted against a proposal by the finance committee to drop its membership in the Southern Ontario Economic Development Council.

Cayuga Reeve Ted Powell made the motion not to pay the \$1,000 fee to the SOEDC. Walpole Reeve Gordon Miller said the SOEDC is the only place the county can "fit in to the overall plan for Ontario." He said the SOEDC contributes "much useful information. Our representatives attend the meetings and bring back reports. They have never spoken against it."

Frank Peart of Oneida Township, council's representative to the SOEDC last year said Haldimand should "join another year. The council is too new to see results and too new not

to join. I'm in favor of joining for another year."

At last month's county council meeting, the SOEDC sent in a letter recommending Haldimand County go it alone in planning for a restructuring of municipal government.

Mr. Powell objected to this, saying he could not see where a number of appointed members can "come forward with a recommendation for Haldimand. We have no unanimity on this even after hundreds of meetings in the Haldimand - Norfolk Study."

Mr. Peart was quick to point out that the recommendation came "from our own people in zone 4. It didn't come from Haldimand."

In other business council agreed to set up a committee of reeves from areas affected by a proposed cut in natural gas supply to meet with the minister of energy and resources.

Council received a petition from 40 people in Walpole protesting the Union Gas Company's decision to stop supplying natural gas in certain areas.

The petition had been received by Walpole Township council at its meeting this month and passed on to county council for its endorsement.